

HOUSE BILL 57

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 13 and Title 2, Chapter 5, relative to the
arrangement of materials on ballots.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-311, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

The names of the candidates for president and delegate-candidate shall appear on the ballot as follows:

(1) The names of the presidential candidates shall be listed vertically within the first three (3) columns for each respective party's primary election. The presidential candidates' names shall appear alphabetically according to the first initial of their surnames. Within the same columns for the presidential preference of each party, there shall be an "Uncommitted" designation immediately following the last listed presidential candidate's names within each party's primary.

(2) Immediately following the names of the presidential candidates for each respective party's primary election as set forth in subdivision (1), the names of candidates for state and municipal offices shall appear in the order outlined in Tennessee Code Annotated § 2-5-208.

(3)

(A) Following the names of the candidates for state and municipal offices shall be the names of delegate-candidates and the name of the presidential candidate to whom the delegate candidate is committed in accordance with §§ 2-13-307, 2-13-308(2), and 2-13-309(a). The names

of the delegate candidates shall appear vertically in alphabetical order according to their surnames. The "Uncommitted" designation shall appear with an alphabetical vertical listing of those uncommitted delegate-candidates pledged to the last listed presidential candidate.

(B) It is expressly understood and provided that the appearance of presidential candidates' names as provided in this subdivision (3) is only for the purpose of identifying individual delegate-candidates committed to particular presidential candidates. The ballot shall clearly indicate that each voter is to vote individually for delegate-candidates.

(4) In each congressional district, the ballot shall list only those delegate-candidates seeking election as a delegate from such congressional district and any at-large delegates who are to be placed on the ballot.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.